

## LT MONICA L. BORZA | USN

// Flight Surgeon

Lieutenant Monica L. Borza is a native of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and graduated from Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School in 2008 where she lettered in track and field, cheerleading, and tennis. She attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where she was selected to join the oldest academic honor society in the United States, Phi Beta Kappa Society. Monica graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2012. She was accepted into Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she earned her commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy in 2012, and graduated with a D.O. in 2016.

Monica reported to Naval Medical Center San Diego, California, where she completed a transitional year internship in 2017. She was accepted to the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute and earned her Naval Flight Surgeon wings in June 2018.

Monica then reported to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 314, "Black Knights," at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar, California, where she served as the Flight Surgeon and quickly gained the full trust and confidence of 15 senior combat tested F/A-18 USMC Pilots and an operational squadron of 237 highly capable Marines. While assigned to VMFA-314, Monica served on training detachments to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, California; NAS Key West, Florida; and NAS Lemoore, California.

Monica was directly responsible for medically overseeing a period of complex transition from the F/A-18 to the Marine Corp's first F-35C squadron. She provided steadfast aeromedical coverage and contributed to the safe execution of over 2,000 mishap-free flight hours. During her tour, she earned the Fleet Marine Force Warfare qualification.

In March 2020, Monica was hand-picked by the Wing Surgeon of the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing to serve as the primary advisor for all Covid-19 issues affecting aviation personnel.

Monica joined the Blue Angels in August 2020. Her decorations include the Navy and Marine Corp's Commendation Medal and various unit and personal awards.